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FROM: BETH SMITH

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RE: May 7, 1997 Letter regarding Amended 12 Day Pre-General Report (10/1/96-10/16/96)

The "EXEMPT" expenditures made during the 12 Day Pre-General Reporting period were all generic get-out-the-vote party activities. The purpose of the projects and an explanation of the money used to pay for the projects are outlined below:

- 1. VOTER ID CALLS The script of the ID calls included two questions regarding Federal candidates and two questions regarding State issues. The Senate and Congressional candidates in Nebraska reimbursed the State Party for their portion of the costs of this program. (See . Congressman Christensen's reimbursement on Schedule A for line 15 this report other Federal candidates repaid us during the next reporting period.) The payment was based on the script used. This gave us a 50/50 split. The State portion was entirely paid for by the Nebraska Republican Party.
- 2. DOUGLAS CO. SLATE This County slate included more than 3 candidates (both Federal and State candidates). Information on the candidate was limited to name, picture and office sought. The item listed on this report is for the cost of printing the slate picce. The payment was based upon the time and space given to State and Federal Candidates.
- 3. SLATE/ABSENTEE BALLOT This piece encouraged those voters who were going to be out of town or were unable to go to the polls to vote by absentee ballot. It also listed State and Federal candidates again featuring the name, picture and office sought only. Payment was based upon the time and space given to State and Federal candidates.

None of these projects was a "candidate-specific" piece.

The RNC transfers were to off-set general administrative expenses. We maintained a separate Victory '96 Federal Account to cover paying for projects where National Party transfers were prohibited.



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Reference:

Amended 12 Day Pre-General Report (10/1/96-10/16/96) received

3/20/97

Dear Mr. Caldwell:

This letter is prompted by the Commission's preliminary review of the report(s) referenced above. The review raised questions concerning certain information contained in the report(s). An itemization follows:

-Schedule A supporting Line 12 discloses a transfer-in from the Republican National Committee. Schedule H4 of the 12 Day Pre-General Report (10/1/96-10/16/96) supporting Line 21(a) reflects payments for exempt activities. Payments for this type of activity are exempt from the definition of a contribution or expenditure if certain conditions are met. The conditions are that no public advertising may be used including distribution by direct mail; all funds used for the activity must be permitted under the Act; none of the funds used may have been designated for a particular candidate; and finally, payments for the activity may not be made from transfers-in from the national committee to specifically fund the activity. For further guidance, please refer to 11 CFR §§100.7(b)(15) and (17) and to the Campaign Guide for Party Committees.

Please clarify the nature of the transfers-in and subsequent payments for exempt activities. If the activity disclosed on your report does not meet the definition of "exempt" activity as described above and if any portion of the expenditures were made on behalf of specifically identified candidates, that

amount must be disclosed on Schedule B or F supporting Line 23 or 25 of the Detailed Summary Page as appropriate.

A written response or an amendment to your original report(s) correcting the above problem(s) should be filed with the Federal Election Commission within fifteen (15) days of the date of this letter. If you need assistance, please feel free to contact me on our toll-free number, (800) 424-9530. My local number is (202) 219-3580.

Sincerely,

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-Please provide a Schedule A to support the entry disclosed on Line 11(c) of the Detailed Summary Page. All contributions from political committees must be itemized on Schedule A regardless of the amount. 2 U.S.C. §434(b)(3)(B)

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